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CHARTER

OF THE CORPORATION FOR THE RELIEF OF THE WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF CLERGY-
MEN IN THE COMMUNION OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN AMERICA.

THOMAS PENN and RICHARD PENN, Esquires, true and absolute Proprietaries and Governors in chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, and counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex, upon Delaware, TO ALL unto whom these presents shall come, GREETING. Whereas it hath been represented unto us, that the Clergy of the Church of England in the American Colonies, and especially the Missionaries in the service of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, have in general but a small support, and have always found it difficult to make any tolerable provision for their families, so that their widows and children are often left in great distress; and whereas, in order to provide a remedy for these growing difficulties, humble application hath been made to us, that we would erect and constitute a Corporation in our said Province and counties, for receiving, managing and disposing such sums of money as may be subscribed and paid in from time to time by the Clergy and Missionaries themselves, and such benefactions as may be given by charitable and well-disposed persons, as a fund towards the support and relief of the widows and children of the Ministers of the Church of England in the said American Colonies:

KNOW YE, THEREFORE, That we, favouring the said useful and laudable design, and being fully convinced of the loyalty and affection of the Clergy of the Church of England in America, to his Majesty's person and government, HAVE given and granted, and by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, DO give and grant that the Honourable James Hamilton, Lynford Lardner, Benjamin Chew, and James Tilghman, Esquires, of our City of Philadelphia; the Honourable Sir William Johnson, Baronet, Cadwalader Colden, John Watts, Charles Ward Apthorp, and Henry Cruger, Esquires, of the Province of New York; the Right Honourable William Earl

of Stirling, the Honourable Peter Kemble, Charles Reed, James Parker, Samuel Smith, and Frederick Smythe, of the Province of New Jersey; the Rev. William Smith, Samuel Auchmuty, and Thomas Bradbury Chandler, Doctors in Divinity—Myles Cooper, Doctor of Laws—Richard Peters, William Currie, Richard Charlton, Philip Reading, George Craig, John Ogilvie, Samuel Cooke, Samuel Seabury, Thomas Barton, Charles Inglis, William Thompson, Jacob Duchè, Leonard Cutting, Alexander Murray, Ephraim Avery, John Beardsley, Jonathan Odell, Samuel Magaw, John Andrews, Abraham Beach, William Ayers, and William Frazier, Clerks, —Joseph Galloway, Alexander Stedman, John Ross, Richard Hockley, Samuel Johnson, Thomas Willing, John Swift, Samuel Powell, Francis Hopkinson, and William Atlee, Esquires, and Doctor John Kearsley, of our Province of Pennsylvania; John Tabor Kemp, John Livingston, Elias Desbrosses, James De Lancey, James Cortlandt, Isaac Willet, Nicholas Stuyvesant, James Duane, Jacob Le Roy, Benjamin Kissam, Jacob Walton, and William Axtell, of the Province of New York, Esquires; Cortlandt Skinner, Daniel Coxe, and John Lawrence, Esquires, of the Province of New Jersey; and such other persons as shall hereafter be elected and admitted members of the Corporation erected, and to be erected, by these presents according to the tenor hereof, and of such By-Laws and Constitutions as shall hereafter be made by the said Corporation, BE, and for ever hereafter shall be, by virtue of these presents, ONE BODY CORPORATE AND POLITIC in deed and in name, by the name of THE CORPORATION FOR THE RELIEF OF THE WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF CLERGYMEN IN THE COMMUNION OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN AMERICA, and them by the same name, ONE BODY POLITIC AND CORPORATE in deed and in name, WE DO for us, our heirs and successors, fully create, constitute and confirm, by these presents; and do grant that by the same name they and their successors shall and may have perpetual succession, and shall and may, at all times for ever hereafter, be persons able and capable in the law to purchase, take, have, hold, receive, enjoy, and transmit to their successors, lands, tenements, rents, and hereditaments, within our said Province of Pennsylvania, and three counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex, on Delaware, to the value of ONE THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING by the year, in the clear, above all out-goings and reprisals, in fee simple, or for any other estate, term, and interest, whatsoever; and also to take, have, hold, receive, enjoy, and to

transmit to their successors, goods, chattels, moneys, and effects, but at no one time to exceed the sum of twenty thousand pounds sterling in the gross, within our said Province and Counties; and may and shall, by the name aforesaid, do and execute all things touching and concerning the same, for the benefit, succour, and relief of the Widows and Children of such deceased Clergymen, who have been in communion of the Church of England, as shall or may be Contributors to the funds of the said Corporation, and in such manner, rates, proportions, and annuities, as shall be reasonably settled, adjusted, agreed to, and expressed in the By-Laws and Regulations, which shall be made from time to time, by the said Corporation, and their successors. AND ALSO, that they, and their successors, by the name aforesaid, be, and shall be, for ever hereafter, persons able and capable in the law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in all or any courts of justice, and before all or any judges, officers, or other persons whatsoever, in all and singular actions, plaints, pleas, suits, causes, matters, and demands, of what nature, kind, or sort soever. AND that it shall and may be lawful to and for them, the said Corporation, and their successors, for ever hereafter, to have a common Seal for their use, and in their affairs and business, and the same, at the will and pleasure of them, and their successors, to change, alter, break, and make new, from time to time, as they shall think best. AND for the well-governing and ordering the affairs of the said Corporation, WE DO, for us, our heirs, and successors, further grant, that it may be lawful for them, and their successors, to meet together on the first Tuesday after the Feast of Saint Michael, in every year, and at such other time and times, and in such places, upon such public notice given, as may be fixed and agreed upon by certain fundamental regulations, to be first duly made and enacted, by a majority of the said Corporation, and never afterwards to be altered, but by a like majority of the members for the time being; and they, the said Corporation, being so met, in such number, and agreeable to such notice, as shall be fixed by the said fundamental regulations, shall have full power and authority, from time to time, to make other necessary Laws and Regulations, and to transact, manage, and settle all such matters and things, touching and concerning the affairs of the said Corporation, as they shall be empowered and authorized to transact, settle, and manage, by virtue of the fundamental Laws and Regulations of the said Corporation, once duly made and enacted by a majority of the contributors and members as aforesaid. AND

all the By-Laws and Regulations so made, whether concerning the election of officers and servants, or concerning their government, and management of the goods, chattels, estate, revenues, business, and affairs, of the said Corporation, shall have full effect and force, and be binding upon, and inviolably observed by, all the members of the said Corporation, from time to time, according to the tenor and effect of the same: PROVIDED, that the same be reasonable in their own nature, or not contrary to the laws of Great Britain, or of our said Province and Counties. AND FURTHER, WE DO hereby constitute and appoint Richard Peters, of Philadelphia, Clerk, to be the First President of this Corporation; and Thomas Bradbury Chandler, Doctor in Divinity, to be the First Treasurer; and Jonathan Odell, Clerk, to be the First Secretary; who shall continue in their respective offices until the first Tuesday after the Feast of Saint Michael, which shall be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine, and from thence forwards until one President, one or more Treasurer or Treasurers, and one Secretary be chosen into their rooms, in such manner, and for such term and period, as shall be settled by the fundamental Regulations, to be made for that purpose by a majority of the said Corporation, duly met and convened. AND LASTLY, we do hereby, for us, our heirs, and successors, ordain, order, and appoint that the accounts and transactions of the said Corporation, legally and properly vouched and authenticated, shall, from time to time, and as often as demanded, be laid before the Lords Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and the Bishop of London, for the time being, or such person and persons as they may from time to time appoint for that purpose in America, in order that the said Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and the Bishop of London, for the time being, or such person and persons appointed by them as aforesaid, may ratify and confirm the said accounts, or subject them to such revisal, check, and confirmation as may be thought just and reasonable. IN TESTIMONY whereof, we have caused these our letters to be made patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. WITNESS JOHN PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor of the said Province and Counties, by virtue of certain powers to him for this purpose, inter alia, by us granted, at Philadelphia, the 7th day of February, in the 9th year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, King of Great Britain, &c., and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine.

AN ACT

TO ALTER AND CONFIRM THE CHARTER OF THE CORPORATION FOR THE RELIEF OF THE WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF CLERGYMEN IN COMMUNION OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN AMERICA.

SECTION I.—Whereas, in and by a certain charter of incorporation from the late proprietaries of the Province, now State of Pennsylvania, granted at Philadelphia the seventh day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine, certain persons therein named were created a body corporate and politic by the style and name before stated :

And whereas the persons so incorporated took upon them the execution of the trust and power by the said charter reposed and vested in them, regularly transacting the business of the said Corporation at stated meetings agreeably to the laws and constitutions made and enacted by virtue of the said Charter, and having received from time to time the subscriptions of the clergy, members of the said Corporation, and sundry benefactions given by charitable and well-disposed persons for the purposes in the said Charter set forth :

And whereas a meeting of the said Corporation was appointed to be held in the City of New York on the first Tuesday after the Feast of St. Michael, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, according to the directions of the said Charter and the laws and constitutions aforesaid, but the said intended meeting was prevented by the British forces having invaded the State of New York, and possessed themselves of the said city ; in consequence thereof the said Corporation were disabled from choosing their officers and taking the necessary measures for the further management of the funds and transaction of the business by the said Charter committed to them :

And whereas members of the said Corporation, sufficient to transact the business thereof agreeably to the laws and constitutions aforesaid, assembled at the said City of New York as soon as they conveniently could after the evacuation of the said city, to wit, on the said Tuesday after the Feast of St. Michael in the preceding year :

And whereas the members assembled as aforesaid have, by their

humble petition applied to this House for the confirmation of their Charter and for making sundry alterations therein, as set forth in their said petition : Therefore,

SECTION II.—Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act, no objection shall lie against the existence and rights of the said Corporation on account of the non-user of the powers granted to them by the said Charter.

SECTION III.—And whereas it is provided in the said Charter that the By-laws of the said Corporation shall not be contrary to the laws of that part of Great Britain called England ; Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said clause is hereby annulled and repealed ; instead whereof, it is hereby provided and enacted, That the By-laws and regulations of the said Corporation shall not be contrary to the laws of this Commonwealth.

SECTION IV.—And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Corporation shall hereafter be called and named “ The Corporation for the Relief of the Widows and Children of Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.”

SECTION V.—And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the last clause in the said Charter, subjecting the accounts and proceedings of the said Corporation to the revisal and ratification therein specified, be hereby annulled and repealed, instead whereof, It is hereby enacted, That the said accounts may hereafter be revised, checked, and confirmed in the manner expressed in the said Charter by the President of the Supreme Executive Council, the Chief Justice, and the Attorney-General of this Commonwealth for the time being, or any two of them.

SECTION VI.—And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Charter and every part thereof is hereby confirmed, except such parts thereof as are by this act altered or repealed.

Signed, by order of the House,

JOHN BAYARD,
Speaker.

Enacted into a law at Philadelphia on Wednesday, the ninth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five.

SAML. BRYAN,
Clerk of the General Assembly.

AN ACT

FOR ALTERING A CERTAIN CLAUSE IN THE CHARTER OF THE CORPORATION FOR THE RELIEF OF THE WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF THE CLERGYMEN OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

SECTION I.—Whereas it hath been represented to this General Assembly by the Corporation for the Relief of the Widows and Children of the Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America “that the good and charitable purposes for which the said Corporation was instituted are in danger of being defeated by the disappointments the Corporation experiences in their endeavours to assemble the quorum required by their Charter to make, repeal, or alter fundamental laws, which has been often in vain attempted, and a considerable majority of the said Corporation having requested by their petition that the clause in their charter requiring a majority of all the members to make, repeal, or alter any fundamental law, may be so altered that a less number than a majority of the whole may be vested with the powers by the said Charter given to such majority. And it appearing to this Assembly that such alteration is not only agreeable to the members of the said Corporation, but is also proper and necessary for the preservation of their funds, and to enable them to carry into effect the laudable purposes of their Institution: Therefore,

SECTION II.—Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful for a majority of any twenty or more members of the said Corporation, met at any annual or other meeting duly assembled, to propose any new law or regulation, or the repeal, alteration or amendment of any former one, whether fundamental or not, in the form of a bill for the better ordering the affairs of the said Corporation, and to cause the same to be published in one or more of the public newspapers in each of the States of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York; and if at the next meeting of the said Corporation, to be held at any time not less than six months after such

publication, thirty or more members shall be duly assembled, and three-fifths of the members so assembled shall approve and ratify such proposed new law or regulation, or such proposed repeal, alteration, or amendment of a former law, whether fundamental or not, the same shall be and is hereby declared to be as valid and effectual to all intents and purposes for carrying on the charitable designs of the said Corporation, as if the majority of all the members had been met, anything in the said Charter to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That any failure of the meeting of a sufficient number of the said Corporation heretofore at any of the stated days or times of meeting for that purpose directed by the said Charter, shall not be nor shall be considered taken, held, or adjudged to be a forfeiture of the said Charter, or a legal dissolution of the said Corporation, nor shall the rights and powers of the said Corporation be in anywise lessened or impeached thereby, but their said Charter and every part thereof, not altered by this act, or by an act of the Legislature of this Commonwealth passed on the nineteenth day of February, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, shall be good and availing in all things in the law, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, and shall be construed, reputed, and adjudged in all cases, most favourably on the behalf and for the best benefit and behoof of the said Corporation and their successors so as most effectually to answer the good and valuable purposes of their Institution and Corporation.

Signed, by order of the House,

RICHARD PETERS,

Speaker.

Enacted into a law at Philadelphia, on Friday, the second day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

PETER ZACHARY LLOYD,

Clerk of the General Assembly.

AN ACT

TO INCORPORATE THE CITIZENS OF THIS STATE, MEMBERS OF THE AGGREGATE CORPORATION FOR THE RELIEF OF THE WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF CLERGYMEN OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FOR THE BETTER MANAGEMENT OF THEIR SHARE AND PROPORTION OF THE FUNDS AND ESTATE OF THE SAID AGGREGATE CORPORATION, UPON A DIVISION OF THE SAME BEING MADE WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE SAID CORPORATION, CITIZENS OF THE STATES OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY.

WHEREAS, It was heretofore represented by the Clergy in the Communion of the Church of England, residing within the Provinces (now States) of Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey, that "they were with great difficulty able to provide for their families, so that their widows and children were often left in great distress, and praying for remedy thereof, that Corporations might be erected by similar Charters in every of the said three Provinces (now States), enabling them to receive, manage, and dispose of such sums of money as may be contributed and given, as a fund towards the support and relief of the Widows and Children of the said Clergy."

And whereas, Charters of Incorporation were accordingly granted in the said three Provinces (now States), creating the said Clergy, and other persons therein named, a Corporation aggregate, or body politic, by the name of "The Corporation for the Relief of the Widows and Children of Clergymen in the Communion of the Church of England in America," with the necessary powers and immunities, to them and their successors, to hold annual and adjourned meetings, and act as a body politic and corporate in any of the said three Provinces (now States), according to such rotation as by their own fundamental Ordinances and By-Laws they might appoint, as by the said several Charters, and the Records of the same, may more at large appear.

And whereas, the Legislatures of the said three States, since they became independent governments, favouring the laudable and charitable design for which the said Aggregate Corporation was instituted, and for the further promotion of the same, have passed similar and correspondent acts to revive, alter, and confirm the said Charters,

according to the circumstances of the Revolution, and to enable the said Corporation to do and transact their business by a smaller quorum than their fundamental institutions required, as appears to this Legislature, by the Act entitled "An Act to alter and confirm the Charter of the Corporation for the Relief of the Widows and Children of Clergymen in the Communion of the Church of England in America," passed the ninth day of February, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, and by one other Act of the Legislature of this Commonwealth, entitled "An Act for altering a certain clause in the Charter of the Corporation for the Relief of the Widows and Children of Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America," passed the second day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

And whereas, nevertheless, it has been represented to us, that from the increase of population, and the establishment of new congregations and places of worship, even to the frontiers of the territory belonging to the said three States, it has become very expensive, and almost impracticable, to assemble a due representation in any of the said three States, either annually or otherwise, to transact the necessary affairs of the said Aggregate Corporation; and it is believed, that by a separation of the Funds, upon principles of reciprocity, which may be easily accomplished, the portion of the Fund belonging to the members in each of the States, would be better managed, and considerably augmented; but that to make such separation in the safest and most satisfactory manner, the aid and sanction of similar and correspondent Acts of the several Legislatures of the said three States will be necessary, and the members of the said Aggregate Corporation, citizens of this State, have prayed the aid and sanction of this Legislature accordingly.

SECTION I.—*Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That it shall and may be lawful to and for the citizens of this State, members of the said Aggregate Corporation, heretofore known by the name of "The Corporation for the Relief of the Widows and Children of Clergymen in the Communion of the Church of England in America," and now known by the name of "The Corporation for the Relief of the Widows and Children of Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America," or a majority of them, or such committee as a majority of them shall

appoint and authorize, to treat, agree, and conclude with the members of the said Aggregate Corporation, citizens of the States of New York and New Jersey, or a majority of them, severally, or such committees as the said several majorities may appoint and authorize, concerning a division and final separation of the aggregate funds and estate of the said Corporation, real, personal, and mixed.

SECTION II.—*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That when the members of the said Aggregate Corporation, citizens of this State, or such committee as they, or a majority of them, shall appoint and authorize for that purpose, shall have agreed upon and concluded articles of separation and division of their aggregate funds and estate aforesaid, with the members of the said Aggregate Corporation, citizens of the States of New York and New Jersey, or such committees as they or a majority of them shall severally appoint and authorize for that purpose, under Acts of the respective Legislatures of the said two States, and shall have executed releases and acquittances to each other, under their hands and the present Common Seal of the said Aggregate Corporation, the said Seal may then be broken; and it shall and may hereafter be lawful to and for the members of the said Aggregate Corporation, citizens of this State, and their successors, to manage the proportion, part, and parts of the said aggregate funds and estate which shall fall to their share, and the increase thereof, by donations or otherwise, as one sole and separate body, politic and corporate, in deed, fact, and name, by the name of "The Corporation for the Relief of the Widows and Children of Clergymen in the Communion of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," and by the same name, the citizens of this State, now members of the said Aggregate Corporation, and their successors, are hereby fully created, constituted, and confirmed, to be and remain, after the division and separation aforesaid, one body politic and corporate for ever, to manage and dispose of their proportion of the funds and estate aforesaid, and the increase thereof, after such division, releases, and acquittals, as are herein before mentioned, to and for the benefit, relief, and support of the Widows and Children of the Clergymen in the Communion of the said Protestant Episcopal Church in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and to no other purpose whatsoever, according to the original design of the said Charters of Incorporation, and the Fundamental Laws made under the same; and for that purpose, it shall and may be lawful for them

the said Corporation, hereby created or intended so to be, and their successors, to meet for the management of their affairs, at such times and places, within this Commonwealth, as by their own By-Laws they shall appoint, and by the said By-Laws to declare the quorum capable of doing business of different kinds at such meetings, and to have one Common Seal for their use, and in their affairs and business, and the same at the will and pleasure of them and their successors to change, alter, break, and make anew, from time to time, as they shall think best; and further, to have, hold, and enjoy all the privileges, rights, and immunities for managing their proportion of the said aggregate funds, after the separation and division thereof, as aforesaid, which by the Charters of the original Aggregate Corporation, and by the two Acts of the Legislature of this Commonwealth, the titles whereof are herein before recited, by the said Aggregate Corporation had or ought to have for managing their funds, estate, and affairs, within this Commonwealth, if this Act of separation and special incorporation had never been passed. *Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted,* That the Widows and Children of Clergymen in the Communion of the said Protestant Episcopal Church within this Commonwealth, now entitled to annuities, or who may hereafter be entitled to the same, according to the Fundamental Laws and Rules of the said original Aggregate Corporation, shall not be affected or injured in the tenure of the same, by any ex post facto rule, law, or ordinance of the Corporation hereby created and erected, or intended so to be; but that the funds and estate of the said last mentioned Corporation shall be and continue liable to the strict and due payment of all such annuities.

GEORGE LATIMER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

ROBERT HARE,

Speaker of the Senate.

Approved March 28, 1797.

THOMAS MIFFLIN,

Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

AN AGREEMENT,

RATIFIED THIS TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIX, IS AS FOLLOWS :

Whereas, at a meeting of the Corporation for the Relief of Widows and Children of Clergymen in the Communion of the Protestant Episeopal Church in the United States of America, held in the city of Trenton, in the State of New Jersey, on the third day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, it was contemplated that, instead of the said Corporation, eomprehending eitizens of the three States of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, there should be hereafter three distinct Corporations in the said three States, consisting severally of the members of the Corporation resident within the respective States; and it was declared, that there should be a division of the funds of the Corporation among the three contemplated Corporations, on certain principles established at the aforesaid meeting; and for the ascertaining of the proportion of the funds which should fall to the share of each of the contemplated Corporations, a committee was appointed, of which the subscribers are a majority duly assembled in the city of Philadelphia :

And whereas, we, the said committee, having inquired into the state of the fund of the Corporation, have found it to consist of twenty-six thousand four hundred and eighty-five dollars, of which fifteen thousand seven hundred and seventy-six dollars are in the hands of the Treasurer in New York, and ten thousand seven hundred and nine dollars are in the hands of the Treasurer in Pennsylvania :

And whereas, we have found, that on the principles established at the aforesaid meeting in Trenton, the future Corporation in New York will be entitled to eleven thousand eight hundred and six dollars, the future Corporation in New Jersey to four thousand two hundred and eighty-nine dollars, and the future Corporation in Pennsylvania to ten thousand three hundred and ninety dollars.

It is, therefore, by us unanimously agreed, that the members of the Corporation resident in New York, shall pay to the members of

the Corporation resident in New Jersey, or to a majority of them, or their order, the sum of three thousand nine hundred and seventy dollars; and that the members of the Corporation resident in Pennsylvania, shall pay to the members of the Corporation resident in New Jersey, or a majority of them, or their order, the sum of three hundred and nineteen dollars; and that, after the payment of the said sums, the Seal shall be broken by the member of the Corporation in whose possession it now is, or by any other member to whom it may be delivered.

And whereas, there are now, and may hereafter arise other just claims on the Corporation for the Relief of Widows and of Children of deceased Clergymen, formerly contributors to the fund:

It is, therefore, by us unanimously agreed, that any Widow or Child of such deceased contributor may bring his or her claim against any one of the distinct Corporations, which Corporation, on payment of the same, may demand repayment of a proportional part of each of the other Corporations, to be determined by the ratios of the sums now declared to be due from the aggregate fund; and further, that if, agreeably to the 11th Article of the Fundamental Laws of the Corporation, there should be an increase of the rates of annuities, the families of former contributors shall be entitled to the benefit of such increase, as much as the families of those who may be contributors in future, wherever each portion of their annuity shall be paid.

WM. WHITE,
ABRM. BEACH,
ROBT. BLACKWELL,
JOSHUA M. WALLACE.

We hereby declare, that we ratify the within, not only as members of the committee therein mentioned, but also in virtue of powers given to us respectively in the States in which we reside.

WM. WHITE,
ROBERT BLACKWELL, *of Pennsylvania.*
ABRM. BEACH, *of New York.*

We understand the sums to be paid to the members of the Corporation in Jersey, to be on interest from this date until payment.

WM. WHITE,
ROBT. BLACKWELL,
ABRM. BEACH,
JOSHUA M. WALLACE.

It is understood by us, that if the members of the Corporation in any State shall recover moneys due to the Corporation, in addition to those of which an account has been given, the same shall be divided according to the principles of the within agreement.

WM. WHITE,
ABRM. BEACH,
ROBT. BLACKWELL,
JOSHUA M. WALLACE.

Philadelphia, Nov. 27, 1806.

We, the subscribers, having this day ratified a plan of division of the fund of the Corporation for the Relief of the Widows and Children of Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, embrace the opportunity of recording our unanimous opinion, intending to deliver the same to the members of the said Corporation in the States in which we respectively reside, that it will be incumbent on the contemplated Corporations in the distinct States, to continue their respective funds on the general principles on which the aggregate fund was established, and especially to keep in view the principle, that contributions duly paid agreeably to the Fundamental Laws, are the price of the purchase of an annuity, which should be rendered as secure as the nature of human affairs will permit, and that in regard not only to former, but also to future contributors, the Aggregate Corporation having pledged themselves, and as far as they could, their successors, to that effect.

WM. WHITE,
ABRM. BEACH,
ROBT. BLACKWELL,
JOSHUA M. WALLACE.

MARGARET YEATES TRUST.

Know all men by these presents, that I, Margaret Ycates, of the City of Lancaster, in the State of Pennsylvania, have given and granted, and by these presents do give and grant unto Horace Binney, James S. Smith, and Joseph R. Ingersoll, of the City of Philadelphia, Counsellors at Law, their executors, administrators,

and assigns, the sum of One Thousand Dollars, lawful money of the United States, now being in the hands of the Right Reverend William White, there placed by me for the purposes of this trust, to be invested by the said Trustees in debt of the United States, debt of the State of Pennsylvania, or City of Philadelphia, or in such real securities as they or a majority of them shall think fit, and the said investment, from time to time, in part or in whole, to sell out, or call in, and reinvest in like manner, and the net interest or income, as the same shall be received, to pay to such one or more AGED *ministers* of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, and in such sums or portions as shall from time to time be selected and directed by the Bishop of the said Church, in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, having the City of Lancaster in his Diocese, by and with the consent and approbation of a majority of the clerical members of the Standing Committee, for the time being;—such minister and ministers *to be resident at the time of such selection and direction within the said Diocese, and to have at the time a parochial charge within the same*, or who *having had such a charge therein for the space of ten years*, has or have been compelled to leave or give up the same, *by reason of age or bodily infirmity*. And in case, for any cause, such selection and direction shall not be made before the Stated Meeting of the Convention of the said Church, in the Diocese aforesaid, in any year, then, and in that case, the interest remaining unappropriated in the hands of the said Trustees, shall be added to the capital, and invested in manner aforesaid; and if any one or more of the said Trustees shall die, resign, or be discharged from the said trust, the surviving or remaining Trustee or Trustees shall forthwith so assign and transfer the certificates or securities of the said fund, as that they may be invested in the name or names of such surviving or remaining Trustees or Trustee, and such other person or persons as the Bishop of the said Diocese shall from time to time nominate to supply the place of the Trustee or Trustees so ceasing to act. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this twenty-third day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five (1835).

Sealed and delivered in
 presence of us,
 CATHARINE YEATES,
 REDM'D CONYNGHAM.

} MARGARET YEATES. [L. s.]

CATHARINE YEATES TRUST.

KNOW all men by these presents, that I, Catharine Yeates, of the City of Lancaster, in the State of Pennsylvania, have given and granted, and by these presents do give and grant unto James S. Smith and Joseph R. Ingersoll, of the City of Philadelphia, Counsellors at law, their executors, administrators and assigns, the sum of one thousand dollars lawful money of the United States, to be invested by the said Trustees in debt of the United States, debt of the State of Pennsylvania or City of Philadelphia, or in such real securities as they shall think fit, and the said investments from time to time in part or in whole, to sell out, or call in, and reinvest in like manner, and the net interest or income as the same shall be received to pay to such one or more AGED *ministers* of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, and in such sums or portions, as shall from time to time be selected and directed by the Bishop of the said Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, having the City of Lancaster in his Diocese, by and with the consent and approbation of a majority of the clerical members of the Standing Committee for the time being; such minister and ministers *to be resident at the time of such selection and direction, within the said Diocese, and to have at the time a parochial charge within the same, or who, having had such a charge therein for the space of ten years,* has or have been compelled to leave or give up the same *by reason of age or bodily infirmity*; and in case, for any cause, such selection and direction shall not be made before the stated meeting of the Convention of the said Church in the Diocese aforesaid, in any year, then and in that case, the interest remaining unappropriated in the hands of the said Trustees, shall be added to the capital, and invested in manner aforesaid; and if either of the said Trustees shall die, resign, or be discharged from the said trust, the surviving or remaining Trustee shall forthwith so assign and transfer the certificates or securities of the said fund, as that they may be invested in the name or names of such surviving or remaining Trustee, and such other person or persons as the Bishop of the said Diocese shall from time to time nominate to supply the place of the Trustee so ceasing to act.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventh day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six (1836).

Scaled and delivered in presence of us, MARGARET YEATES, JASPER YEATES CONYNGHAM.	}	CATHARINE YEATES. [L. S.]
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AN ACT

TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CORPORATION FOR THE RELIEF OF THE WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF CLERGYMEN IN THE COMMUNION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful for the Corporation for the Relief of Widows and Children of Clergymen in the Communion of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to take, receive, and hold donations, by will or otherwise, from any person or persons, in trust, for the benefit, relief, and support of any clergyman or clergymen in the communion of said Church, and to execute the trust and trusts which have been or may be declared in regard to the same.

SECTION 2. That Horace Binney, James S. Smith, and Joseph R. Ingersoll, who are now Trustees of a donation of One Thousand Dollars, by Margaret Yeates, of the City of Lancaster, for the purpose aforesaid, and James S. Smith and Joseph R. Ingersoll, who are now Trustees of a donation of One Thousand Dollars, by Catharine Yeates, of the City of Lancaster, for the purpose aforesaid, be, and they are hereby authorized, with the consent of the said Margaret and Catharine respectively, to transfer the same to the said Corporation, upon the same trusts.

LEWIS DEWART,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 THOMAS S. CUNNINGHAM,
Speaker of the Senate.

Approved the seventh day of March, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven.

JOS. RITNER.

The consent of the respective donors to the transfer of these trusts, according to the foregoing Act, having been expressed by deeds of assent and confirmation, the trusts and funds are now vested in the Corporation for the Relief of the Widows and Children of Clergymen in the Communion of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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